

Senate Bill 531

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (at the request of Oregon Society of Physician Assistants)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases number of physician assistants on Physician Assistant Committee to four. Clarifies authority of Board of Medical Examiners to license physician assistants.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to physician assistants; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 677.540.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 677.540 is amended to read:

5 677.540. (1) There is created a Physician Assistant Committee, which shall consist of [*five*] **seven**
6 members. Members of the committee shall be appointed as follows:

7 (a) The Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon shall appoint one of its members
8 and one physician. One of the two must supervise a physician assistant.

9 (b) The **Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Oregon shall appoint four physician**
10 **assistants after considering persons nominated by the** Oregon Society of Physician Assistants
11 [*shall appoint two physician assistants*].

12 (c) The State Board of Pharmacy shall appoint one pharmacist.

13 (2) The term of each member of the committee shall be for three years. A member may not serve
14 more than two consecutive terms. A member shall serve until a successor is appointed. If a vacancy
15 occurs, it shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person with the same qualifications as the re-
16 tiring member.

17 (3) If any vacancy under subsection (1) of this section is not filled within 45 days, the Governor
18 shall make the necessary appointment from the category which is vacant.

19 (4) The committee shall elect its own chairperson with such powers and duties as the committee
20 shall fix.

21 (5) A quorum of the committee shall be [*three*] **four** members. The committee shall hold a
22 meeting at least once quarterly and at such other times the committee considers advisable to review
23 requests for prescription and dispensing privileges and to review applications for licensure or re-
24 newal.

25 (6) The chairperson may call a special meeting of the Physician Assistant Committee upon at
26 least 10 days' notice in writing to each member, to be held at any place designated by the chair-
27 person.

28 (7) The committee members are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided for board
29 members in ORS 677.280 (2).

30 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified in ORS 677.540, of the two**
31 **members added to the Physician Assistant Committee by the amendments to ORS 677.540**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 by section 1 of this 2007 Act:

2 (1) One shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2010.

3 (2) One shall serve for a term ending January 1, 2011.

4 **SECTION 3.** (1) A person seeking licensure as a physician assistant shall complete an
5 application form provided by the Board of Medical Examiners and submit the form to the
6 board, accompanied by nonrefundable fees for the application and for the license in amounts
7 determined by rule of the board.

8 (2) Upon application, the board may issue a license to a physician assistant who meets
9 the requirements for licensure under ORS 677.495 and 677.505 to 677.525.

10 (3) The board shall adopt necessary and proper rules to govern the renewal of licenses
11 issued under this section.

12 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2007 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 677.505 to
13 677.525.

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